

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 JEFFREY SCOTT KLINEFELTER,  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 GURMEET KAUR,  
15 Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01429-JAM-JDP (PC)  
ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION  
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT  
ECF Nos. 27, 31

17 Plaintiff has filed a motion for an extension of time to file a response to defendant's  
18 answer. ECF No. 27. A plaintiff is permitted to file a reply to an answer only when the court  
19 orders him to do so. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(1)(C). Because the court has not ordered plaintiff to  
20 file a reply to defendant's answer, his motion for an extension of time, ECF No. 27, is denied.

21 Plaintiff has also filed a document requesting that summary judgment be entered against  
22 defendant. ECF No. 31. Rather than address this motion now, the court will refer this case to the  
23 Post-Screening Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") Project to allow the parties the  
24 opportunity to participate in a settlement conference.<sup>1</sup> If the case does not settle, the court will  
25 issue an order setting a briefing schedule for plaintiff's motion.

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<sup>1</sup> The details regarding the referral to ADR are set forth in a concurrently filed order.

1 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

2 1. Plaintiff's motion for an extension of time, ECF No. 27, is denied.

3 2. The court defers consideration of plaintiff's motion for summary

4 judgment.

5 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to administratively terminate ECF No. 31.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: October 22, 2021

  
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JEREMY D. PETERSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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